



Advancing Healthcare Business

EHNAC accreditation gives your prospects and customers full confidence in your privacy, security, performance, business practices and resources. With recognition from EHNAC, your organization raises awareness about the quality of its products and services as well as compliance with industry standards. In an increasingly competitive marketplace, EHNAC accreditation can build the trust that will advance your business.

Health Information Exchange Accreditation Program (HIEAP)

The February 2009 enactment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) provide much needed support to an industry that has struggled in a financially challenging landscape. The federal government is projected to spend \$300 million in support of health information exchange activities in 2009 and 2010. While it is impossible to predict the impact of future funding, ARRA has helped energize the field in recent months.

Additionally, the new "meaningful use" terminology that will define how health information technology is used places strong emphasis on the ability of providers to exchange information in order to receive incentives from the federal government through Medicare and Medicaid payments. Health information exchange initiatives are developing the capabilities that will be supportive of helping the nation's clinicians and hospitals become meaningful users of electronic health records (EHR).

There are currently greater than 150 HIE community-based initiatives that are showing a significant increase in the number of advanced or "operational" initiatives exchanging information nationally. These initiatives are demonstrating an increasingly positive impact on the efficiency of care while showing a return on investment. There are many examples of demonstrating the potential for health information exchange to improve efficiency and reduce health care costs nationwide that are occurring.

Health Information Exchange Accreditation Program (HIEAP)

Through HIEAP, EHNAC assessors review your organization's electronic exchange of transactions and messages across five main categories of criteria:

- Privacy and confidentiality
- Technical performance
- Business practices
- Physical, human and administrative resources
- Information security

Through a self-assessment and site review process, your organization will ensure compliance with HIPAA rules, accommodation of industry standards and proper use of NCPDP, X12, HL7 and other relevant formats. You'll learn about methods and procedures that can improve your efficiency, elevate your service levels and position your organization for success. EHNAC criteria cover exchange of data, security, timeliness, accuracy, system availability, capacity monitoring, use of the Internet, data storage and retrieval, and much more.



HIEAP: HIEAP accreditation will give your existing and prospective customers trust and confidence in your organization's ability to manage their data with integrity and effectiveness.

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